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SUBJECT: R/V MCARTHUR CLEARANCE REQUEST, FEB-APR 1976

1. R/V MCARTHUR PLANS TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH IN THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA DURING THE PERIOD 17 FEB-23 APR 1976. MCARTHUR IS OPERATED BY THE NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY (NOS), NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA), DEPT OF COMMERCE.

2. THE RESEARCH IS PART OF THE 1976 TIDE AND CURRENT SURVEY, WHICH IS A COOPERATIVE PROJECT WITH THE PACIFIC REGION, OCEAN AND AQUATIC AFFAIRS, DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT, CANADA. PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT IS TO UPDATE TIDE AND TIDAL CURRENT PREDICTION DATA, PROVIDE CIRCULATION INFO, AND TO REDEFINE TIDAL DATUM PLANES FOR LAND MOVEMENT AND SHORELINE BOUNDARY DETERMINATIONS.

3. MCARTHUR WILL DEPLOY IN CANADIAN WATERS TWO CURRENT METER ARRAYS, AND WILL OCCUPY STD STATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE ARRAYS AND AT FIVE OTHER SITES IN THE STRAIT. THE LOCATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS. CURRENT STATION 1: LAT (N)
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48 DEGREES 14 MINUTES AND LONG (W) 123 DEGREES 41.5

MINUTES; CURRENT STATION 2: LAT (N) 48 DEGREES 18 MINUTES
AND LONG (W) 123 DEGREES 40.5 MINUTES. STD STATION 4:

LAT (N) 48 DEGREES 21 MINUTES AND LONG (W) 123 DEGREES 23
MINUTES; STD STATION 5: LAT (N) 48 DEGREES 17 MINUTES
AND LONG (W) 123 DEGREES 23 MINUTES; STD STATION 8: LAT
(N) 48 DEGREES 21.5 MINUTES AND LONG (W) 124 DEGREES
02 MINUTES; STD STATION 11: LAT (N) 48 DEGREES 28 MINUTES
AND LONG (W) 124 DEGREES 22 MINUTES; STD STATION 12:
LAT (N) 48 DEGREES 24 MINUTES AND LONG (W) 124 DEGREES
24 MINUTES. A STATION LOCATION CHART WILL BE FORWARDED
VIA AIRGRAM.

4. MCARTHUR MAY HAVE TO OPERATE IN CANADIAN WATERS ANY
TIME DURING THE CLEARANCE PERIOD TO DEPLOY, MAINTAIN,
AND RETRIEVE THE CURRENT METER ARRAYS OR RETRIEVE GEAR
THAT MAY BE CUT ADRIFT FROM STATIONS ON THE AMERICAN
SIDE AND DRIFT OVER THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY.

5. SHIP'S MASTER IS DARRELL W. CRAWFORD WITH A CREW OF
35 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 3. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR
4 CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE
SHARED WITH GOC. GROSS TONNAGE OF SHIP IS 854, LENGTH
175 FEET, BEAM 38 FEET, AND DRAFT 11 FEET. RADIO CALL
SIGN IS WTEJ AND SHIP CONTINUOUSLY MONITORS 50 KHZ,
2182 KHZ, CHANNEL 13 AND 16 VHF. SHIP'S AGENT IN
SEATTLE IS CHIEF, PMC OPERATIONS DIVISION (COMMANDER
MICHAEL H. FLEMING).

6. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN CLEARANCE
FOR MCARTHUR TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH IN
CANADIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING 17 FEB - 23 APR 1976.
BEGIN FYI. DEPT RECEIVED REQUEST FROM NOAA ON 19 JAN
THEREFORE SUBMISSION OF REQUEST IS LATE. REALIZING
CANADIAN SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION INVOLVED, DEPT FEELS
GOC WILL PROCESS REQUEST BUT IF EMBASSY FORESEES PROBLEMS
WITH LATE REQUEST FEEL FREE TO EXERCISE OWN JUDGMENT.
END FYI. SISCO

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